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In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 10/020,648

Group Art Unit: 1646

Filed: December 12, 2001

Examiner: P. M. Mertz

For: **LYSING OR BLOCKING UNWANTED
CELLS WITH IL-2 RECEPTOR-SPECIFIC
BINDING SUBSTANCE**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2004, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in connection with the captioned application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a method of lysing malignant cells in a mammal using an antibody to the IL-2 receptor;

II. Claims 1-5, and 7, drawn to a method of lysing malignant cells in a mammal using IL-2 linked to a cytotoxin;

III. Claims 8-10, and 11-13, drawn to a method of inhibiting the T-lymphocyte-induced rejection of an allograft in a mammal by administering an antibody to the IL-2 receptor;

IV. Claims 8-10, and 14 drawn to a method of inhibiting the T-lymphocyte-

induced rejection of an allograft in a mammal by administering IL-2 linked to a cytotoxin; and

V. Claim 15, drawn to a method of treating a patient with acute autoimmune disease by administering a substance having a specific affinity for IL-2 receptors.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group IV, corresponding to claims 8-10, and 14. This election is being made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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